

REMARKS

With this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have proposed new dependent claims 45-50 which depend from claim 1. Claims 1-5 had been allowed prior to the filing of this RCE. The RCE was filed to ensure that prior art citations made during the parent prosecution have been fully considered.

In addition to the prior art cited with the RCE filing, Applicants disclose the following reference, as reflected in the attached Form 1449:

<u>Pat No.</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Title</u>
5,928,239	July 27, 1999	Mirza	Percutaneous Surgical Cavitation Device and Method

Consideration of this reference is requested. It is believed that all of the pending claims in this application, namely claims 1-5 and 45-50, are allowable over the references of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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